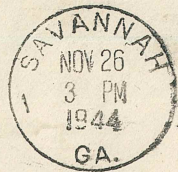


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Hoya, Solks,

Sunday again - and early in the morning too! - It's only 8:45, - but still I say early for me! - My habits are changing! - You see, - at present we have a fairly nice set up for working hours. - We usually stay late in the evenings flying all the planes that might have accumulated, and usually the first couple of hours in the mornings are sorta dull - hence - our hours! - Following our day off each week, - we have to report for work at 8 each morning for ~~the~~ two days, - then the rest of the week, - until our day off again, we don't come in till 10 A.M.! That way, - we all get the benefit of coming in late, - and at the same time, we have a skeleton force here - protecting ourselves in case

a plane or two does happen to come in early! -
Not a bad system - and one that goes over big
with all of us, as you can imagine.

Am sorry I didn't get up to D.C. for
Thursday - or any other day, for that matter. - But
I wasn't really hoping to, actually. - There was just
the remotest possibility - so I put in for it.
We only have a few ships actually assigned
to this base - and we in test flight are the
only ones who can fly them - but, there are
just a few "strings" tied to 'em for personal use.
Supposedly, we are each allowed one personal
cross country per month, - under the heading
of training - to keep up our proficiency, but
so far, - the first one is to be granted to anyone!
However, - we keep putting in our requests, regularly,
and one of these days, - someone is bound to
get one -! - But how many times have I
written about this? - Just thinking about
it - I bet I've mentioned it in the past 4 or 5
letters. - - -



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Last night we had our dance at the Club. They are always about the same - the same bunch, same entertainment. - Last night I was thinking of inviting the Col's daughter out - but didn't get around to it till after work yesterday - and by then I wasn't going to call her for a last minute invitation. - So --- I went stag, as usual - and met a couple more Savannah gals. - One was a sister of a girl one of the fellows here in the section is going to marry this week. - Brought out, they said, - for my express purpose! - Ahem! -

The wedding - is (not mine, - but Garrett's!) to take place this coming Thursday - at our post chapel. Following will be a reception at the club - so I don't guess any of our section will be working that after-noon. - Don't know all the mis + auto. Yesterday Garrett asked me if I ~~was~~ could be counted on to walk down the aisle with one of

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the bridesmaids -! I told him. I would, of course, but first he had better check with the bride, for I had always seen the bridesmaids walking down the aisle, by themselves, - unless he was starting a fashion of his own! - He said he'd "check" - maybe he wanted an usher instead - he didn't know quite what it was all about! - Who knows, - maybe I'll be adding a chapter to Emily Post's book on what goes on at the better weddings!

I got Daddy's letter yesterday - the one written on Thanksgiving night. Am glad you like your new glasses, Pop, - and it's good that they are an improvement over your others. - First thing you know, you'll be feeling so good, you won't know what to do with yourself! - The idea of waiting until after Christmas before going job hunting sounds like the best thing. - Plenty of time to worry about that after the first of the year, and in the meantime, - you will be just that much more fit for a job! - Besides, you had better be around the house to "time" mama as she has her try outs for her new huddles! - I'd better stop now - am really run down, for subject material - and any more might be boring. - Write when you can.

Love, Frank.



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P.S. I forgot to tell you I've also added a version of B-24's to my list of ships. - I like 'em better than I thought I would - but still have to be "sold" on 'em a little more. - That now makes every type bomber I've got the B-29 on my record. - Naturally I have quite a way to go to get officially checked out. - Within the next couple of weeks I'll be officially checked out in a B-17 and A-26 tho'! -

- Don't eat too much turkey today and get sick! - Wish I could be there to help you wrestle "wid' 'em"! -

I'm ashamed of you to allow a strike of any kind go on in D.C. - what do you think I left you all there to look after things for?

Love, again.

J.